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SPORTS



THE HAWK'S HERALD

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The Golfcart Diary

Walking around in the President's shoes

Chris Parish

Contributing Writer

When something goes wrong on the RWU campus, the automatic reaction from students is to complain. And when one is complaining, the face of the University takes the blame - Roy J. Nirschel.

"If you're not into student affairs or in the senate, you don't really know him," said senior Adam Aiello, who met the President once with an informal handshake.

To shed some light on the man who invariably becomes a myth to many students, I decided to follow Dr. Nirschel around for an entire day to see exactly how he operates and what a typical day with him is like. What I got is a day that was far from ordinary...

8:54 a.m. - President Nirschel arrives at the

Ralph R. Papitto School of Law with a cup of coffee in hand. He sports a dark blue suit with a tasteful blue tie. After a brief conversation with the law school dean, he heads upstairs while talking to me about the day ahead.

Even Presidents take the stairs.

"Looks like I can't take my three-hour nap today," he says to me. "I'll have to shorten it to two."

He seems excited about the prospect of me following him around. In the span of four minutes, he's told eight people that I will be shadowing him.

Nirschel is scheduled to give a speech in the Appellate Court at 9 a.m.: "Religious Liberty in America and Beyond: Celebrating the Legacy of Roger Williams on the

400 Anniversary of His Birth." After cordial greetings to virtually anyone within earshot, he strolled into the mock courtroom. He looked slightly confused, milling in and out of the room as if waiting for instruction.

Even Presidents need a little direction.

9:05 a.m. - We're already behind schedule. The President is still welcoming people. A freelance photographer who works for the University starts taking photos. Nirschel continues talking, then stops and poses for a few.

Presidents have to be very photogenic.

9:12 a.m. - The President finally delivers his welcome remarks. He holds a black book, "The Life of Roger Williams," a gift from an architecture professor.

He quotes from the book, then thanks everyone for attending the lecture (which apparently lasts for six hours) and exits. I notice during the remarks that he wears glasses, except while reading. This intrigues me.

9:14 a.m.

"I wish I had time to stay and learn from this lecture all day," he says, "but I've got too much to do." I'm naturally suspect - six hours on any topic is tough to swallow, especially a persecuted religious leader.

Nirschel walks out of the law school and down



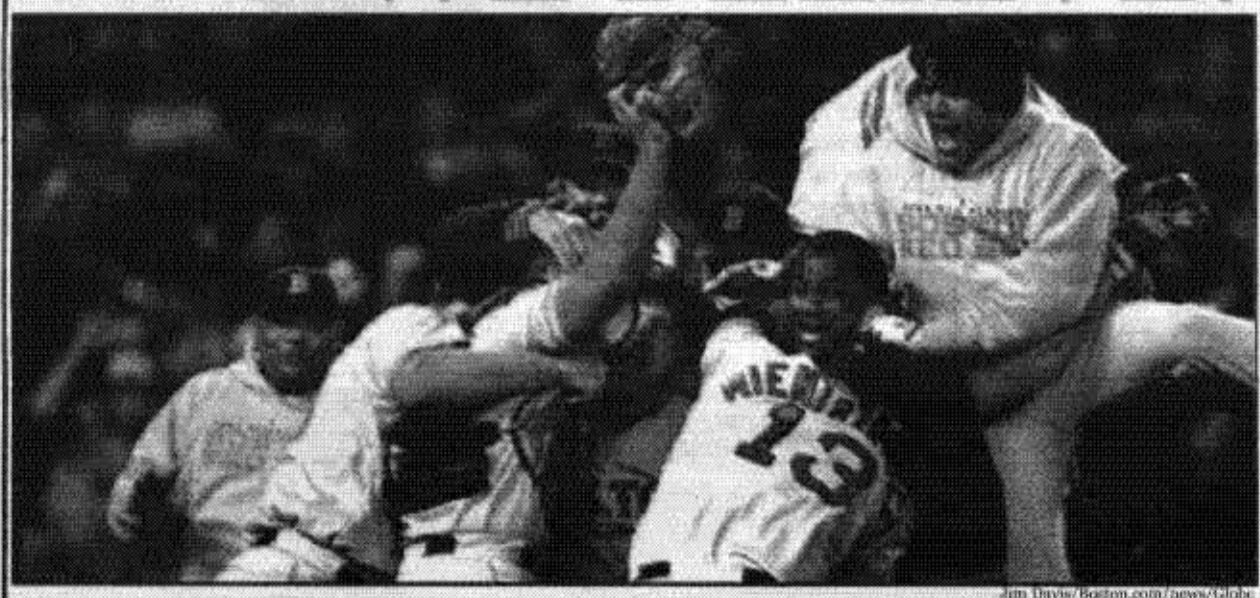
Chris Parish

the steps to the Recreation Center. After a brief conversation with a gentleman outside, he enters the building and heads straight for Jazzman's, filling his coffee cup. He doesn't

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From Bristol
to Boston:

WE BELIEVE!



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Swoop accosted in Canada

Adam Noska

Contributing Writer

You may or may not have noticed that Swoop was conspicuously absent from Homecoming activities last weekend. That is because he has been detained for the past two weeks in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Swoop Hawk, successor to Horatio Hawk, had visited his Canadian homeland for the first time since coming to America on October 1. He had returned home to

receive a cleaning, some minor repairs and a head strap so he can "do flips." All was going swimmingly until Canadian officials intervened.

Swoop was then abruptly "shanghaied" by Canadian customs officials for "not having his papers." These papers that he was allegedly without include his original invoice of purchase, declaration of contents and NAFTA (North America

Free Trade Agreement) certification. Canadian officials claim that Swoop is "okay," and being held in a "cool, dry place."

Matthew Taylor, non-partisan Senate majority whip, feels that the way Swoop has been treated is unjust and not compatible with acceptable behavior.

"NAFTA is a burden to the advancement of American supremacy over our northern neighbors," says

Taylor.

John Lindsay, assistant director of campus programs, goes a step further, saying that he is "deeply disappointed" by Swoop's detention North of the border. As the crisis enters day 15, Lindsay intends to file a formal complaint with the Canadian government if Swoop is not returned soon.

Officials with the U.S. and Canadian embassies were unavailable for comment.

The Power of Sex

Aubrey Joyce
News Editor

There is nothing more entertaining than a show devoted to sex, war and the power they have over mankind. For the past two weeks, the performing arts center (PAC) brilliantly presented *Lysistrata*, a ninety-minute Greek comedy by Aristophanes that does just that: it centers on Athenian women committed to ending the Peloponnesian War by abstaining from sex with their husbands until they vote for peace with Sparta.

The women, led by *Lysistrata* (translated to mean "releaser of war"), and played by Ashley Cowan, barricade themselves in the Acropolis, wearing nothing but their sexiest robes, seductively refusing their husbands. The play takes effect as the men are soon seen fully aroused and begging for sex from their wives.

The women, although they seem to be strong-willed in the play, are similarly just as horny as their partners, and become weak with desire to fornicate. The conflict is finally resolved when the men concede and sign a peace treaty drawn up by *Lysistrata*. The final scene is a Greek orgy where the men and women are enjoying their impulses to have sex and be peaceful.

The audience laughed as the performers so bluntly demonstrated the natural primal instincts of humanity. In a question and answer session following the play, Rebecca Cornell, Myrhimne asserted that this play is still very true to modern day.

"Sex is important," she stated, "and women like sex, too." This prompted cheers and laughter from the audience.



Chris Villano
Contributing Writer

There will be no column this week because the Red Sox/Yankees games have consumed my soul. As a resident of Rhode Island, and more importantly, the region known as New England, I will no longer be able to function in society. I'm sorry, but my life now revolves around sports radio, talking about the games, thinking about the games, dreaming about the games, looking at them almost nude in Maxim and of course, the games themselves. It's not my fault each game decides to extend itself by an extra five innings every night. I must watch, I must glue myself to the screen, I must hang on every pitch, I must treat Curt Schilling's ankle as if it were my own. For if I don't, I may miss the next great play of the twenty-first century, and after all the time I've already invested in this series, that's not going to happen.

From Providence, with love

"I can't take the madness anymore!"

Because I'm a New Englander, I must make cuts in my everyday life to save up energy each night for the game. For example, now when I'm driving around this lovely region I will no longer be using my blinker and only applying brake pressure when I see a license plate with David Ortiz' initials on it. I'm sorry for the inconvenience this may cause you out-of-town drivers, but you can't even begin to comprehend how much my life is controlled by the Red Sox.

In order to get through my day I must be as witty and gutsy as Terry Francona when he utilizes the bullpen in the most effective way possible. I look at it like this: the Red Sox have Foulke, Embree, Leskanic, Myers, Timlin and Wakefield in the bullpen for each game. That's seven players if you count the starter. I use these players as my motivation to get through each day. Take today for example. I used Schilling this morning to get me out of bed, but due to his mobility issues, I was unable to prevent my hand from punching the

snooze button - one down. My commute to class was extra hectic due to the adverse conditions, so I had to use Timlin and Myers to get me to campus alive - that's three. I needed Leskanic to come through in aesthetics class and help me answer some questions, but he let in a three-run homer with no outs when I was asked the first question of the day but wasn't paying attention - four down. Wakefield really came through in my next class when he helped me to a three and out by remembering to bring a pen to class - five down.

By this point in the day I'm hungry and running low on relievers, so rather than deal with Jeter and A-Rod in transfer, I headed to Wendy's for some Miguel Cairo dollar-menu action. I couldn't have asked for a better inning from Embree when he shut down the side with only nine pitches. I couldn't believe it; I had exact change. With six down and only my closer left in the Daypen (bullpen), I had to make a sacrifice: either stay conscious for psychology class or the

drive home. Foulke got me a 94 on my test, but was unable to go extra innings as I crashed into a Hideki Matsui tractor-trailer on I-95 creating an even more ridiculous late-afternoon traffic debacle.

With each game comes another day of barely conscious classes, and costly errors I wouldn't normally make. But come on, how can you expect me to properly cite my sources when it's 3 a.m. and Ortiz is up in extra innings! Game Four late-inning at-bats are far more important than my education! How can I be expected to read chapter seven when literally my life is on the line here. So please, professors in New England, respect the fact that Red Sox baseball dominates the earth in an imperialistic fashion. There's no democracy here in RED SOX NATION! Get used to it. But anyway, I've already wasted too much energy writing this satire. It's almost time for the pre-pre-game show and I don't think I have enough energy to fini...

Police Beat

Friday, October 15, at 3:24 p.m.:

Vandalism was reported to a Hyundai Elantra parked on lower Ferry Road.

Saturday, October 16, at 11:23 p.m.:

James David Fitz, 18, of Fairfield, Conn., was charged with possession of marijuana.

Sunday, October 17, at 2:37 a.m.:

A RWU security officer advised a trespasser not to return to the campus.

Sunday, October 17, at 9:11 p.m.:

A sexual offense was reported to the Bristol Police.

Thursday, October 21, at 12:04 a.m.:

The New York Yankees report stolen Series in the Bronx. Suspects identified as a large group of tall men, wearing red (not Santa), wielding baseball bats and chanting, "Whose your daddy now?!"

"Uncorked 2004"

WBRU-FM and Town Wine and Spirits will sponsor "Uncorked 2004" on Friday, November 5. The fundraising event, with a portion of proceeds to benefit A Wish Come True, Inc. will take place at Ultra Night Club (Providence, RI) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Town Wine and Spirits will offer over 100 different wines for guests to sample.

Tickets can be purchased for \$25 at the WBRU studios (88 Benevolent St., Providence) or Town Wine and Spirits (179 Newport Ave., Rumford). Tickets will also be available for \$30 at the door.

A Wish Come True, Inc. grants wishes to children ages 3-16 who have life-threatening illnesses, and who live in Rhode Island and areas of Southeastern Massachusetts.

Editor's Note:

In the October 16 issue of the Herald was a story entitled "Finding Nemo." A note at the bottom indicated portions of the article were taken from *The Boston Globe*. This was incorrect; in fact, lengthy passages of the article were pulled directly from *The Globe*. The Herald in no way promotes plagiarism and extends its apologies to *The Globe* and the entire University community.

BM - Editor

To the University community:

I did not intentionally plagiarize my article, titled "Finding Nemo," published in the last edition of the paper. I thought proper credit was given to *The Boston Globe*; however, I now know I was mistaken and that I made a serious misjudgement. I take full credit for my actions and apologize to the campus community as well as to my fellow Herald staff members.

Heather Kordula

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Editor's Desk

Today's message is brought to you by the Red Sox, who teach us to never give up.

Writing headlines is a bitch. For example, if a story was submitted about, say, the increase of speed bumps around campus, it is harder to title than you think. What would we say?

"Bumping around RWU?" "There's a hump in the road!" "Watch out, I think I just hit something." Headlines need to be creative, intelligent and able to sum up the complete story in a few words. If we received an article about a fire in Maple Hall, it would be inappropriate to use the title "Mmm... Smells like maple syrup." Similarly, a story about the stray cats on campus should not hold the headline, "Unidentified meat served in dining hall."

Of course, the easiest way to write a headline is to promote the obvious: "Visiting writer speaks to campus," "Textbook sales decrease by 15 percent," "Speech given by Dean about graduation." Unfortunately, these are not fun, and we get in trouble for them (thanks, Ted!). So we are forced to be twice as quick-witted as usual - a feat that becomes harder with each fourteen-inning baseball game.

So, thanks, Boston Red Sox, for making one headline this week a little bit easier.

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Sponsored by the Women's Club, several students participated in a five-mile walk to fight breast cancer on Sunday, October 17. The event was put on by the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The organization holds walks all over the country, designed to "raise awareness, foster camaraderie and raise funds for breast cancer research." The walk was held at Roger Williams Park in Providence. In the ninth annual event, there were 8,000 walkers from three different states who raised \$610,000.

To the Editor:

I was quite disturbed when I read the Editor's Desk from the Oct. 9 issue of the Hawk's Herald that seemed to congratulate students for torturing a skunk. Pouring hot water and throwing weighted objects at a skunk sitting under a bush is animal abuse! I'm appalled that students at this school would think such practices are acceptable. If it was a raccoon or a cat, I highly doubt the same actions would have been taken. No one would pour hot water on a cat just to get it to leave; why a skunk? The instinct that the presence of a skunk means one will get sprayed is understandable; it is their unfortunate stereotype. But skunks are not stupid. They know when someone is hostile toward them. They are not threatened by someone simply walking by them to get into their apartment. I am genuinely surprised that the students that night did not get sprayed. With at least three people standing around that bush, it is quite likely the skunk felt cornered. It just goes to show how much they will put up with before defending themselves.

I am not simply speaking out of theory. I also live in Bayside and this semester alone, I have seen numerous skunks wandering around and have walked right by several of them. One even waited for me to pass before crossing the walk to get to the bushes on the other side. It never gave me a second look, just went about its business. If you leave them alone, they will leave you alone. A skunk sitting under a bush is not a threat to anyone's safety or nasal passages. Please don't make us a threat to them. It is wrong to dump or throw things at any animal. I hope the next time students see a skunk, they will not think twice and simply continue on their way.

Katie Flashner '05

To the Editor:

I write in response to Jason Mattera's letter in the October 9, 2004, edition of *The Hawk's Herald* in which he takes issue with my colleague, Dr. Glenna Andrade, for her position on gay marriage.

First, full disclosure: I believe that gay people should be able to marry because they deserve equal protection of the laws; because many gay couples have children at home, and I am old-fashioned enough to believe that, generally speaking, youngsters are better off when their parents are living in a legally committed relationship; and because, as Mr. Mattera and his associates at RWU have so vividly demonstrated during the past two years, our world is filled with hatred, and we ought to celebrate commitments of love in its varied forms.

But my purpose in writing is not to share my own views on gay marriage but rather to comment on Mr. Mattera's letter. Mr. Mattera accuses Dr. Andrade of "superficial historiography, logical fallacies and verbal gymnastics." Then he boldly announces, "Let's begin the lesson." Fine, Mr. Mattera, young scholar, let's continue the lesson.

Historically speaking, Mr. Mattera is partly correct when he states that the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was initially created to deal with racial inequities under the law. Indeed, one of the most noteworthy applications of the 14th Amendment occurred in 1954 when the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racially segregated public schools. But a close reading of the text of the amendment reveals not one word about race or color or ethnicity. The 14th Amendment extends citizenship rights to all people born in the U.S. or its territories or naturalized as citizens; it also guarantees all citizens "equal protection of the laws." If a state passes a law preventing left-handed citizens from applying for a driver's license, if a President issues an executive order that prevented women from joining the Navy, if a county passes an ordinance preventing citizens with wheelchairs from using a public county golf course, if a municipal police department refused to hire applicants under 5'6" tall, all of these affected individuals would find relief in the 14th Amendment—because the amendment guarantees *all citizens* equal protection of the laws. During the past 130 years, the 14th Amendment has been broadly applied in dozens of civil rights cases, not all of which concerned racial issues.

For a comparison, consider the 1st Amendment, which guarantees freedom of the press. It was written at a time when the radio, television, phonograph, computer and Internet did not exist; that amendment, when it was drafted, referred mainly to newspapers—the printed press. But technology has expanded our view of "the press," so the 1st Amendment now protects television and radio stations, record companies and the Internet from government interference. Similarly, the 14th Amendment, originally intended to protect freed slaves, applies to all citizens, as the text of the amendment explicitly suggests.

Mr. Mattera also states that "from time immemorial" marriage has been defined as "the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife." Mr. Mattera's history is correct only if "time immemorial" refers to the era beginning around 1900 in Western culture. From antiquity through the 20th century, some societies and cultures—even subcultures within American culture—have defined marriage differently—for example, as an arrangement between one man and several women.

Now to Mr. Mattera's "logic." He suggests that gay couples should not be able to marry because "marriage serves a public purpose of reproducing life," and a gay couple cannot reproduce. That's a logical fallacy called begging the question—basing a conclusion on a faulty premise. (Many prejudices are based on such fallacies. For example: Because black people are subhuman, they can be made slaves.) Mr. Mattera's premise is faulty: The purpose of marriage is not to produce human life. Reproduction can occur within or without marriage. Moreover, if I were to marry a woman my own age (51) or older, we might not be able to reproduce because my wife might have experienced menopause. Marriage unites couples in a legally sanctioned relationship that involves certain legal rights and certain moral responsibilities. Reproduction is not the purpose of marriage; if it were, we would not allow two 70-year-old people to marry.

Mr. Mattera also suggests that opponents of gay marriage "cite"—Mr. Mattera meant "cite," but the lesson is logic, not spelling—"promiscuity and rampant disease in the homosexual community as factors for society's lack of approval." That logic is rather twisted, but it seems that Mr. Mattera is arguing that gays should not be able to marry because they are promiscuous and prone to venereal disease. I believe that he has committed the fallacy commonly identified as a non sequitur—simply stated as one idea not following logically from the previous idea. (For example, if you walk to work, you must buy your lunch.) Indeed, perhaps the reverse of what Mr. Mattera suggests is actually the case: Perhaps homosexuals are so promiscuous because they *cannot* marry; perhaps if they could marry, they would be more likely to practice fidelity.

I have a friend who was very promiscuous before he was married. During his 20-year marriage, he had only one sexual partner—his wife. Now he is single again, and, alas, he is again sexually promiscuous! Not that one example makes the case—that would be the fallacy of hasty generalization—but I bet that single people, in general, are more sexually promiscuous than married people. As David Brooks, the conservative columnist of *The New York Times*, argues, social conservatives should not merely tolerate homosexual marriage; they should *insist* upon it—because marriage promotes stable, less promiscuous relationships and, hence, stable communities. Furthermore, the government does not prohibit sexually promiscuous heterosexuals from marrying. Marriage licenses do not ask applicants to cite—or "cite"—their number of sexual partners.

Mr. Mattera's point that legalizing gay marriage will result in the legalization of polygamy and incest is an example of the slippery slope fallacy—stated simply as exaggerating the consequences of one action. (For example: If automobile seatbelt use is mandated by law, then laws will be passed mandating crash helmets for all drivers.) If gay marriage were legalized, the state would still be able to outlaw polygamy and incest. Just as certain forms of speech are outlawed—for example, threatening to blow up the Newport Bridge—without violating the 1st Amendment, laws against marriage with a sibling and polygamy could be constitutionally justified to protect society from harm. I am not convinced that gay marriage harms society enough to justify depriving citizens of their 14th Amendment guarantee of equal protection of the law. Many citizens might be uncomfortable with gay marriage, but it is hard to argue that gay marriage causes our society extensive harm. (As an aside, I think it is a fair question, for another day, to ask why polygamy is legally forbidden among consulting adults. How badly is society damaged by polygamous relationships?)

Mr. Mattera ends his "lesson" by advising Dr. Andrade, who teaches writing courses, to leave "the sociologists, political scientists, and logicians to present cogent arguments, while she instead focused on—well—editing papers." That is an example of argument *ad hominem*—attacking the person rather than grappling with the issue. Another example of argument *ad hominem* would be as follows: Mr. Mattera is a business major and should stick to his spreadsheets and calculator rather than dealing with political issues like gay marriage. Since when does one's occupation prevent one from speaking out on the moral and political issues of the day? I believe that George Washington was a gentleman farmer and Ronald Reagan was an actor before they engaged in politics. Imagine our loss if someone, back in 1775, had told George to get back to his pepper plants rather than mixing himself in politics.

Mr. Mattera identifies himself as a member of the class of '05, which means he has only one more semester of classes. If he has an elective or two in his schedule next semester, he should continue this "lesson" by taking one or more of the following courses: POLSC 200 The Constitution and American Politics (to learn about the 14th Amendment), ENG 310 Literary Analysis (to sharpen his reading skills so that he understands the 14th Amendment), ANTH 100 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (to learn about marriage in other cultures, past and present), and PHIL 103 Logic (for very obvious reasons).

James Tackach

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2004

Gambler's Anonymous

Kellie Corcoran
Contributing Writer

RWU got a taste of Las Vegas during Homecoming Weekend. The Field House was transformed into a casino on October 15, where students, parents and alumni "tried their luck." Campus Programs organized the event and attempted to create an authentic gambling environment.

Upon entering, each person was given a voucher for \$30,000 worth of "funny money," to trade for chips.

Senior Justin McGovern, better known as "Juice," attended the event with a group of friends, and explained, "They had blackjack, craps, roulette, a spinning

wheel and a video game shootout. The game of choice, though, was Texas Hold'em. Everyone was so serious about it, and a bunch of people were going crazy with their fake money. All the tables were filled and there was a long line of people waiting to play, so luckily a blackjack dealer let my friends and I play Hold'em at his table."

Sophomore Evan Gall was one Texas Hold'em dealer, and said the whole night "was put together extremely well, it was a ton of fun. Texas Hold'em was really the most popular with the World Poker Tour... I wish that the school would consider putting this on again for the students."

Unfortunately, dealers like Gall took all of McGovern's money. "I tried to bluff but it didn't work out. I ended up with \$8,000 in chips which we later traded in for tickets. Then the tickets were put into a raffle for prizes like stereos, bags of CDs and DVD sets. I didn't win a prize, unfortunately."

According to McGovern, "There were a lot of people who attended. A lot of parents and grandparents were around so we had to be on our best behavior."

A few students wore suits to make it look more like Vegas, a catering service provided hors d'oeuvres for those gamblers working up an appetite, and servers walked among the tables



Photos by Daniel Ruth

offering non-alcoholic drinks.

McGovern had only one qualm with the event. "It was great but I wish they served real drinks rather than the virgin ones. I would have liked to go shot for shot with the grandma next to me at the craps table and spend the night in a high rollers suite."

Above, the roulette wheel spins in someone's favor.

Right, a dealer distributes chips to anxious players.

Below left, friends place their bets during a game of Texas Hold'em.

Below, Mike Witek deals a hand at blackjack.



Students get a lesson in football

Chris Parish
Contributing Writer

Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, spoke as part of the GSB Distinguished Lecture Series on Friday, October 15, in the Field House. The presentation

drew a large crowd, including parents, students and the Barrington High School football team.

Kraft first showed a brief film about the 2003 Patriots season and their journey to Super Bowl

XXXVIII, where they defeated the Carolina Panthers, 32-29. It was their second title in three years.

"Winning and losing can have an impact on your daily routine," said Kraft. "When we win, I walk into Dunkin' Donuts to get my coffee. When we lose, I go through the drive-thru. When we lose 31-0, I make my coffee at home."

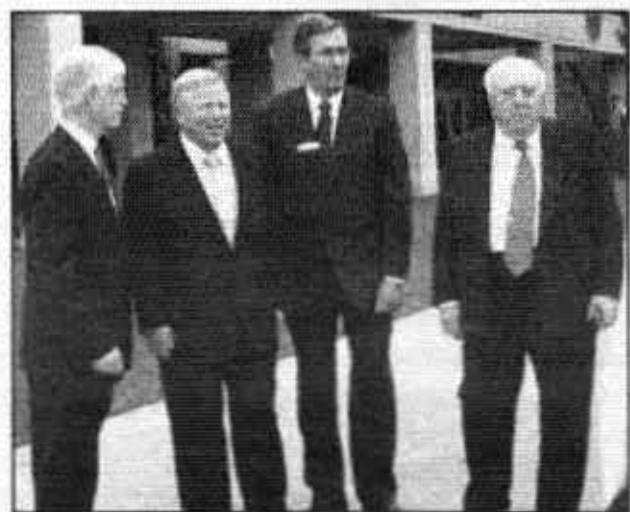
The team recently set an NFL record: a 19-game win streak, breaking the mark previously held by the 1934 Chicago Bears. The Patriots have since defeated the Seattle Seahawks, extending their streak to 20.

"We haven't suffered a

regular season loss since September 28 [of 2003]," he said. "Back then, Howard Dean was the leading presidential candidate and A-Rod was a Ranger. The Sox and Yankees have played in the ALCS twice since. 'You're fired' has become a pop culture phenomenon. And Britney Spears has been married twice."

Before the lecture, Kraft and President Roy Nirschel toured the campus with Mario Gabelli and Board of Trustees Chairman Ralph Papitto.

"I'm glad I came here," said Kraft. "I think it's important to bring students, staff, and members of our community together."



From left: Mario Gabelli, Robert Kraft, President Roy J. Nirschel and Ralph R. Papitto.



Tracy Chin

Homecoming King Matt Bonin and Queen Emily Quintin were all smiles at the Homecoming Ball on Saturday, October 16.

Political divisions in voting

Aubrey Joyce
News Editor

Is America politically divided, why, and what role does political separation play in this nation? Wednesday night's Socrates Café, led by Associate Dean of Engineering Linda Riley, addressed these issues in a sixty-minute forum held in the Mary Tefft White Center.

First, Professor Jeffrey Martin discussed whether political division even existed in America. "We are all colors of the same beige." He further proposed that political candidates are not considerably different in their political stances on the issues, and the voters, in turn, are left voting on character traits and like-

ability, rather than on which candidate would better represent the important issues. One student suggested we are divided on the subject matters that concern us, but as a nation, we will inevitably unite with the common goal of furthering ourselves and overcoming stages of war.

One student suggested that media creates this division, citing Fox News, ABC, CBS and NBC as partisan networks with agendas. MTV's *Rock the Vote* seems to be legitimately encouraging the teenage population to cast their ballots on voting day; however, P. Diddy's "Vote or Die" slogan may seem a little bit more anti-war or anti-

Bush than anything else.

Another suggestion was that the generation gap causes today's youth to be unenthused about issues. This may result in teenagers being apathetic about politics, and basing their vote on their parents' decisions, or what their favorite television star believes.

It is recognizable that many do not understand the issues or even take the time to educate themselves as to what the issues are, but vote party-line anyway.

Maybe, then, it is our own ignorance that divides us, and, as Socrates would point out, a universal political truth is available and attainable if we would only search for it.



ASK MEG & ASH

Dear Meg and Ash:

I met this girl at a party and we hit it off really well. I keep seeing her around school and we say "Hi" and flirt, but I can't seem to remember her name. It has gotten to the point where it would be really embarrassing and ruin everything if I asked her flat out, "I want to get to know her better but first I need to find out her name!"

Forget-Her-Not in Almeida

Forget-Her-Not:

Your problem is not uncommon. Often times college students meet their peers at social settings that are distracting (or where everyone is completely drunk, including you). Do you know any of her friends? If so, you could swear him/her to secrecy and find out that way. Maybe she has a backpack with her initials or name on it. Or perhaps one of your friends may know... like the person who threw the party! Or try telling her that she has a very pretty name and ask her how she spells it; only, you're going to be in trouble if her name is Ann. Or when you ask for her number, have her key in her name and number into your cell phone. Ask for her screen name or email address. Perhaps her name is within the context. If all else fails, tell her what is going on. We assure you that she won't be extremely offended, (though she may laugh). Good Luck!

Dear Meg and Ash:

I live in an apartment with three guys. My friend "Sue" comes over to hang out pretty often. My problem is that one of the boys I live with, "Jon" makes inappropriate (i.e. sexual) comments to Sue. I can tell it makes her uncomfortable. I want to tell Jon to cut it out, but I don't want to embarrass or offend him. What should I do?

Creepy Jon's roommate in KP

Creepy Jon's Roommate:

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Writing should be entertaining, expresses author Dan Chaon

Mark Walerysiak
Contributing Writer

Visiting writer Dan Chaon read to an attentive audience Tuesday night in the Law School courtroom. Approaching the end of his book tour for his recently released novel, *You Remind Me of Me*, Chaon partook in a brief question and answer session (moderated by Professor of Creative Writing Adam Braver).

read a passage from his work,

"I don't write to educate anybody. I try to entertain."

and fielded questions from the audience.

Chaon describes his writing style as, "Dreamy realism as opposed to magical realism. I don't write to educate anybody. I try to entertain. It's entertaining to me and if anyone else finds it entertaining that's a plus."

Chaon discovered success as a short story writer, but has crossed into novels as well. His collection of short stories, titled *Among the Missing*, was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2001.

After reading, Chaon fielded questions from

the audience. In junior high, Chaon's class had an assignment to write to their favorite author. So Chaon wrote to Ray Bradbury, who actually wrote him back with critiques and analysis, which encouraged Chaon.

Chaon published his first stories during his senior year in college. He recalls, "It wasn't like [success] all came

raining down on me."

Chaon was asked about the difference between writing short stories and novels. He replied, "The difference is between going on a date and really getting married, because you really are married to the characters [in a novel]. With short stories you go on a couple good dates out of town, and then you never see them again."

A memorable moment occurred when Chaon discussed a character who wore a parole anklet through a portion of the story. He says, "I wanted to write a character

with a parole anklet, so I thought of a way to get him arrested—drug dealing. He's not an evil character. He might be the kind of drug dealer that you may have, say, at Roger Williams University."

The crowd resounds in laughter. Chaon adds, "Not a bad person, just does illegal things."

A question arises concerning whether Chaon would ever compromise his material to

write more mass-marketed works. With a slight smile he retorts, "depends how much money I get," which garners chuckles.

"If I ever had the ability I think I would have already done it. Like Britney Spears, she thinks that what she is doing is good."

Those curious about Dan Chaon's future work will have to wait until completion. Chaon replies with resolve, "I won't talk about the next project." He pauses, "Because you might talk yourself out of it. Or if I tell you I might be like, 'Oh god, that sucks.'"

Undergraduate presentations reflect talent and effort

Heather Kordula
Science Editor

After months of dedicated work, four undergraduate science students were finally able to present their research to students and teachers at Wednesday's Math and Seminar Series.

Kate Lowell, who worked with Professor Andrew Tate last spring, was funded by the CEED grant. Her research was entitled "Determining the permeability of isoflavone diadzein using PAMPA (Parallel Artificial Permeable Assay)." Isoflavones are secondary vegetable substances which can act as estrogens in the body and have protective functions.

The next two students, Keith Douglass and Candice Lavelle, were also funded by the

CEED grant. They worked with Professors Dale Levite and Stephen O'Shea. Their research project was, "Nonylphenol polyethoxylate as a possible endocrine disruptor on Bay Scallops - Argopectin irradians." They hope to conduct future gonadal research with the scallops.

Joshua Bishop spent the summer at the University of California Riverside and was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) through Research Experiences for Undergraduates. His project was "Small mouth vs. large mouth carbenes: a comparison of synthesis and applications of mono and bidentate diamino Carbenes." A carbene is a neutral compound with a carbon-central atom. He also hopes to conduct

future work.

Finally, Lauren Studdard, who was also funded by NSF, presented her work, entitled "Interactions of Synechococcus spp. and Myoviruses: Breadth and Mechanics of Resistance and Cyanophage Infection Characteristics." The research dealt with the unicellular photosynthetic cyanobacteria, which is the base of the food web in marine systems and is an important primary producer.

RWU offers biology, marine biology and chemistry students the opportunity to participate in independent research. The next round of proposals will be presented on November 1 and should be delivered to Professor Marcie Marston.

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November 10 Dr. Chris Fedo, George Washington University <i>Evidence for Earth's Earliest Life</i>	November 3 Dr. Sandor Kadar, Salve Regina University <i>Spatiotemporal Stochastic Resonance</i>
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October 27
Brad Thompson, Brown University
The Mars Exploration Rovers:
An overview of mission objectives and preliminary results

Associate director Raymond Cordeiro seeks sixth term on Town Council

William Sandler
Contributing Writer

Walking into the office of Raymond Cordeiro, RWU's Associate Director of Athletics, the first thing noticeable is two old, black-and-white photographs. Both feature Cordeiro, a former professional baseball player, in uniform with legends Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra. Cordeiro played baseball for 19 years with the White Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Houston Colt 45's (now Astros).

But being on the ball did not end for Cordeiro after he retired from sports. This November will be Cordeiro's twenty-third year working at RWU, where he started

as the varsity baseball coach. In addition to his athletic duties, Cordeiro has been on the Bristol Town Council for five years. He also served as a chairman of the Mount Hope Enterprise zone (which includes Bristol and Warren).

"I take pride in praising the actions of students to the Bristol community. They are the ones raking leaves for old people, cleaning up trash, and volunteering with RWU service learning coordinator KC Ferrara."

When asked why he's running for a sixth term, Cordeiro says, "I enjoy what I do; there are some things I am working on that I have not complet-



Ray Cordeiro

ed and would like see through. I want to bring more business to Bristol."

Cordeiro has been a Democrat all his life. "The Democrats have always been for the common average Joe, I am one so I fit the bill. It is a party I support."

Anyone interested in helping Cordeiro in his campaign for reelection can contact him at rcordeiro@rwu.edu.

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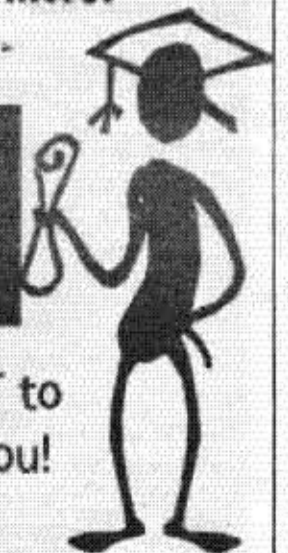
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Nirschel

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pay.

Presidents don't pay for their coffee.

"What time is it?" Nirschel asks me. He doesn't wear a watch; he instead relies on his "internal clock."

9:20 a.m. — Nirschel walks into the offices of the athletic administration. He notices athletic director George Kolb in a meeting with the men's basketball coach, Mike Tully. He decides to jump in and say hello.

Presidents walk into meetings uninvited.

He greets the two men, they talk about the upcoming weekend in sports, and Nirschel exits to continue his campus tour.

9:25 a.m. — The President, while walking from the athletic building to Administration, notes the campus is quiet for a Friday.

"Do students typically stay on campus during weekends?" he asks me. I tell him we do, opting not to brag about our various escapades. He crosses the street, minding the crosswalk, and moves toward the architecture building.

Even Presidents obey crosswalks.

He notices the sculpture in front of the architecture building. It's dirty; this upsets him. He comments to one of the architecture deans about

Presidents don't pay for their coffee.

the sculpture.

"Tell facilities that the President personally wants the sculpture outside of the architecture building to be power-washed before this afternoon," he says. Turning to me, "I asked for them to finish putting out that sod, and 48 hours later,

it's done," he said.

"Sometimes a little direction from a higher authority helps out."

He goes on to explain to me the "broken window theory."

"If you see a broken

window in a neighborhood, and you don't do anything about it, it's not a big deal, but then it becomes two broken windows, and a bunch of trash outside, and soon the whole area looks bad. We can't always achieve a high standard, but we want to set a high

standard."

9:32 a.m. — The President walks into his office. If you've never seen Nirschel's office, set a time to take a tour. It is beautifully designed and decorated. If I were an architect I could probably tell you why it's so cool, but I'm not, so I can't. But trust me, it's worth seeing. He even has his own bathroom. This really impressed me; I'm not sure why. After washing his hands, he is joined by executive assistant, Jeffrey Gillooly.

Presidents have executive assistants. And their

own bathrooms, too.

A highlight from a conversation with the President and Gillooly:

President, "We don't need to keep his resume, do we?"

Gillooly (shakes his head), "He's not a strong candidate."

Wow. And to think, I thought it was a more elaborate process than that.

****This is a 3-part series. Look for the next section in next week's issue.****

Pumpkins, pumpkins everywhere, but not a pie to eat

Maura Wolk
Contributing Writer

For a limited time only, Roger Williams Park Zoo proudly boasts its fourth annual presentation of the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular, featuring over 5,000 intricately hand-carved pumpkins along a three-acre woodland trail.

The Spectacular, named "a local legacy" by the Library of Congress, promises something for all ages, featuring a new display of pumpkins that whisks you across the world in

under an hour. Moreover, familiar features such as the Tree of



Light and the Laughing Place have returned bigger and better than ever before.

Through the diligent efforts of over 30 professional pumpkin carvers, along with creative supplemental lighting and music, the trail transports children of every generation through time to experience the highlights of music, television and politics, not to mention animals and environments all across the globe. Among hundreds of others, the 2004 Spectacular depicts: *Gone with the Wind*, *The Lord of the Rings*, United States landmarks, tributes to Ronald

Reagan and Ray Charles, President Bush/Senator Kerry and cultural icons from Italy, Germany, England, Mexico, Ireland, Japan, Egypt and India.

Meghan Hibner traveled two hours to the Zoo from Western Massachusetts, after hearing rumors of the increasingly popular Spectacular. When asked whether or not it was worth the trip, Hibner responded, "You cannot conceive of the magnitude of talent poured into this event

until you see it with your own eyes. The intricacies of each design are unbelievable!"

Though only in its fourth year, the Spectacular has become a fast-growing family tradition, attracting over eighty thousand visitors during the last year alone. In addition to providing a fun, safe family outing, it serves as a fundraiser for Roger Williams Park Zoo. The proceeds support environmental education and zoo conservation efforts locally and around the

globe, as well as the construction of new exhibits and the improvement of old ones.

Though she indeed recommends a trip to the Zoo once during the Halloween season, Hibner warns, "Every pumpkin that you carve from now on will seem mediocre!"




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Tim Mannion

Animal Instincts: Men's soccer fights for fourth tie of season

Tim Mannion
Sports Editor

The RWU men's soccer team faced the toughest test of their season Wednesday when they battled the Wheaton College Lyons to a 2-2 double-overtime tie. The Hawks entered the match as the underdogs, while Wheaton, ranked seventh, came in riding an 11-game winning streak.

The Hawks set the pace from the opening whistle. Sophomore back Rich Reddington showed leadership, constantly barking at the other Hawk defenders to stay home on their men.

This type of play led to

a defensive stalemate. Neither the Hawks nor the Lyons could gather the momentum to get a halfway decent shot on goal. The first half ended 0-0.

When the Hawks came out for the second half, a sense of urgency overtook them.

"We've been trying to prove we're one of the best teams in New England all year. If we could play with this team then we could play with anyone," said Head Coach Jim Cook.

Wheaton was the first to strike. Nearly seven minutes into the second half, a Lyons striker booted a shot just

outside the box over Hawks goalkeeper Kevin Deegan.

The Hawks bounced back with a goal of their own ten minutes later. When a Lyon defender tripped senior Brian Combra, he dribbled the ball into the Wheaton box. A free kick was awarded, and sophomore Shohei Okubu took a cross pass from senior co-captain Sean Whalen, putting it in the back of the net for the Hawks' first goal.

With the game now up in the air, both teams stepped up their aggressive play. Freshman Nate Boucher did most of the "grunt work" in

Lyon territory, most noticeably on a play where he attempted to head a pass from a Hawk teammate and accidentally ran into the Wheaton keeper. Tensions flared, and a scuffle broke out with both teams meeting near the Wheaton goal.

"It was a keeper that didn't want to let the ball go into the net. It was also a striker that wanted desperately to score. There is no bad feeling between the players - it was just heat of the moment thing," Cook added.

This incident fueled the Hawk players until the end of regulation. An

RWU midfielder launched a pass from just over the midline, bounced it off a Wheaton defender's foot and into the net for the Hawks' second goal.

This was not the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In a move that hurt the Hawks, the Wheaton coach, seeing only eight minutes left on the clock, took a defender off the field and added a fourth striker. The Lyons scored less than a minute later. The final minutes of regulation ended with the game going into overtime - the weakest link for the Hawks this season. The Hawks had a couple of

shots on goal, but, repeating three previous ties for the Hawks, the game ended 2-2.

"We had a good amount of kids out either injured or sick and we had kids playing in different positions. The kids came out to play well and they did," said Cook.

The Hawks now look to the October 23 match against the University of New England. They will then finish their regular season on the road against Nichols College, before getting set for Commonwealth Coast Conference postseason play.



Lindsey Maguire

The junior class flag football team poses after winning the ICC Fall Classic Sunday. They defeated the seniors 28-0 before crushing the freshmen 36-0.

Fall Classic not a fumble

Al Borrelli and
Bobbi-Lynn Anderson
Contributing Writers

It was a clean-sweep victory for the junior class at the Inter-Class Council's Annual Fall Classic flag football game on Sunday, October 17. This was the first time the game was held during Homecoming Weekend as an official University event. Teams came out to represent from each class, hoping to claim the championship title.

The teams were made up of at least eight play-

ers each. The two most notable games included seniors vs. juniors, with the juniors winning 28-0, and the freshmen vs. freshmen elimination series to determine who would play the unstoppable junior team.

The final game resulted in another junior win with a score of 36-0. The winning team consisted of K. Bahrenburg, M. Margetta, D. Callahan, R. McGovern, R. Hylen, T. McCombe, A. DaLuz, D. Menillo and C. Cormier.

Not only did the victo-

ry earn team pride, it also came with a year's worth of bragging rights, a trophy and the team's graduation year on a plaque.

A big thanks should go out to the parents, friends and class officers/managers who came out and supported their teams. It was the perfect end to a perfect Homecoming Weekend. The Inter-Class Council would like to thank all the teams who played and congratulate the Class of 2006!



Blaine Moffa

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